MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 6, 2012

INVOCATION:
Jim Schettler of First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Acting Assistant City Manager Lara, Police Chief Macagni, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Community Development Appel, Director of Parks & Recreation Posada, Fire Chief Orr, City Librarian Housel and Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY
Councilmember Patino read a proclamation declaring March 7, 2012, as "Arbor Day" in the City of Santa Maria to support the well-being of our future generations and encourage community members to plant trees to assist in restoring our City's urban forest. The proclamation was accepted by Director of Recreation and Parks Posada.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Macagni disagreed with Councilman Cordero's actions indicating he would like to fire the Chief of Police.

Elena Brown spoke about purchasing a Police Officer's badge on E-bay from Police Sergeant Howard Coolidge, engraved with his name and questioned the respect an officer has for auctioning his badge. It is a reflection of the lack of respect the Santa Maria Police Officer's Association (SMPOA) has for the Police Department.

David Baskett spoke in support of the Police Department and the Chief of Police.

Jim Glines spoke about the SMPOA and their grudge against the Chief, and spoke in favor and full support of Chief Macagni.

Bob Ziener spoke about the oral reports of Councilmembers being made at the conclusion of the meeting. He thinks they should be presented prior to Public Comment so the attendees could be apprised of the Council's involvement in the community.

Darlene McNeal spoke about Councilmember Cordero's comments in the public regarding the recent shooting and Chief Macagni. She thought Councilmember Cordero's actions were actually turning people away from him in his bid for Mayor in November.

Lew Parker, owner of PC Mechanical, Inc., spoke about Chief Macagni's assistance in helping him find a location for his business. He employs over 100 employees. He said his business would not be here today if not for Chief Macagni.

Tony Guy, C&D Zodiac, spoke about how his company added 650 additional jobs in Santa Maria and continues to grow because of the security and safety in the community. He spoke in support Chief Macagni.

Jerry Schmidt, Pacifica Commercial Realty, spoke in support of Chief Macagni and against the SMPOA's smear campaign against the Chief of Police. SMPOA Board uses its money on frivolous

matters to malign the Chief instead of for their fellow police officers when they are in need. He stated that the most vocal opponents of the Chief do not live in the City.

Larry Brannon, Smith Electric Service, spoke in support of the Police Chief, and about how the economy was hard on everyone right now.

Mike Wheeler, SMPOA Board, spoke about the low morale and lack of leadership in the Police Department. He stated that he joined the SMPOA Board and his agenda was to make the department a better place to work, but that the requests for change have fallen on deaf ears. It was not their jobs that they did not enjoy, it was the work environment. He stated that they want to be treated fairly.

Chris Nartatez, President SMPOA, spoke about the no confidence vote of the Chief Macagni, and that 85 percent of those voted have no confidence in the Chief. He stated the SMPOA would like to have a meeting with the Council to discuss their issues.

George Moran spoke about police leadership and programs provided through the police, and of his support of the Police Department and the Chief of Police.

Jay Conner spoke in support of the Police Department leadership and of the Chief of Police. He stated that the Chief has had to make hard decisions in reducing staff and salaries. As a citizen, Mr. Conner takes exception to the pettiness of those with personal vendettas who state they are not giving the job their best.

Paul Berry spoke in support of his church and its many members, and is astonished that police officers are not doing their best because they "don't like their job." He expressed his distress over the discord in the department and City as a result of recent tragedies.

Wanda McDonald spoke in support of Chief Macagni and for the Police Department. She would like to see this issue put to rest.

Walter Taylor spoke about the Area 9 Specific Plan which calls for the re-zoning of approximately 890 acres of agricultural land for an industrial park, and his concern that some of the acreage could be used for oil and gas drilling and production and of the impacts of an oil extraction development to neighboring residential areas. He asked the City Council to postpone their vote from the March 20, 2012, agenda until more information has been given to those citizens in neighboring areas.

Etta Waterfield, Planning Commissioner, spoke in support of the process of gathering objective facts before listening to recommendations, and in support of City Manager Haydon for having third party investigations conducted and waiting for the results without responding to the SMPOA and their calls to dismiss the Chief.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Patino requested Item 3G be pulled for comment. Councilmember Orach requested Item 3I be pulled for comment. Councilmember Cordero requested Item 3L be pulled for comment.

Item 3G – SM Police Facility Retrofit

Councilmember Patino spoke about the importance of the retrofit project because of the safety issues with the communications center in the basement of the Police Department. If there is a disaster and the communications system goes down, it would affect the radio, dispatch, telephones and computers that are located in the communications center in the basement.

Councilmember Cordero stated that he did not question the need for a new facility or the need to update the computer systems and hardware in the basement. There is a need to update the systems regardless of the move. The rental proceeds have been set aside specifically for this project, but employment of personnel should be a higher priority over the needs of the new police facility building. He is not in favor of moving forward on the project at this time.

Councilmember Orach commented that the project could not be stopped midstream. He did not agree with using one-time funds to support personnel costs.

Mayor Lavagnino commented that it takes a long time to put a plan together. The rental payments were set-aside specifically for the project. Hopefully when the sales tax measure passes, the City would be able to use that ongoing fund source to bring on new employees.

With a consensus of the Council, Item 3G was pulled for a separate vote.

Item 3I – Joint Use Agreement with SMJUHSD for Swimming Pool Use, Maintenance and Operations.

Councilmember Orach commented that this was a valuable use of joint taxpayer dollars. Pioneer Valley was a success story with the partnering of the City and Santa Maria Joint Union High School District for use of the pool and gymnasium. This is a win-win situation for the community.

Councilmember Patino commented that it was important when the community gets together and partners on large projects.

Item 3L – Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program

Councilmember Cordero spoke about his concern with why the City would pay $208,000 over the next three years for South County's share of this program, and the letter written by Bill Rosen of the Goleta Water Board. He asked for an explanation about the $208,000 payment, why the City would elect to assume responsibility for the payment, and what it means if the City were to give up its seat at the table.

Mayor Lavagnino stated that the City of Santa Maria has the rights to 50.1 percent of the State Water that comes into Santa Barbara County. When the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) was established, the City agreed to take 43 percent of the voting power even though it would receive 50.1 percent of the water. State Water is very important to North County, but not so important to South County. Mr. Rosen would like to see a platform for equal voting power among the agencies, but the City of Santa Maria continue to pay 43 percent of the bills. By the City paying up front, it would not have to pay interest costs on the bond issue when it comes to fruition. The vote tonight would guarantee that the people of the Santa Maria Valley will always have water, and not have to buy water like Nipomo or other agencies that turned down State Water many years ago have to do today.

Director of Utilities Sweet commented that the program is to restore the amount of water that came through the State Water Project prior to the delta smelt issue. The delta smelt was declared endangered and as a result, the City's projected yield went from 77 percent to 60 percent. Instead of being able to count on 13,720 acre feet per year, the City can count on only 10,690 acre feet per year. The loss of 3,000 acre feet of water in capital dollars amounts to $16.6 million. For the City to spend $200,000 to try to retrieve $16 million was a really good investment. The City's primary water source is State Water and is critical to both the City of Santa Maria and to the ground water basin. There are South County politics involved, and there are South County interests that believe the more water Santa Maria has, the worse it is for their particular interests. Staff is concerned that any opportunity that may be given to South County interests to make it difficult for the City to achieve water, they will take an opportunity to act on that. Mr. Rosen's current stance gives him opportunity to bring up his position before the Board of Supervisors, and any power before the Board in that regard could jeopardize the City's opportunity to retain 3,000 acre feet of yield. The move by Mayor Lavagnino was a good move, and effectively took the wind out the sails of the argument that the City was controlling expenditures for South County interests and it makes it likely that it will pass the Board of Supervisors without an objection. The cost for water is going to increase as a result of this project. The way water is delivered in the State is going to be completely restructured. Mr. Sweet indicated that eventually, agriculture will no longer be able to have an equal seat at the table that the urban interests have, because they cannot afford that seat anymore. There will be a struggle with how that water be will retained. The City of Santa Maria needs to be part of that discussion so that the City's best interests are protected.

Mayor Lavagnino commented that agriculture in the Santa Maria Valley benefited by the City having State Water. The amount of State Water the City uses is not pumped from the aquifer below. The State Water that is returned by the City to the aquifer increases the quality of the water that the farmers use.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3M (except 3G) were approved on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Item 3G – Santa Maria Police Facility Retrofit was approved on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: Councilmember Cordero
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 21, 2012, were approved as submitted.

C. PERSONNEL CHANGES AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE UPDATE
Resolution No. 2012-19 was adopted approving a full-time position title change, an update of the job specification and abolishing an old classification, and the creation of two new limited-service (temporary) classifications.

Resolution No. 2012-19 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A TITLE CHANGE, AND JOB SPECIFICATION UPDATE, ABOLISHING A JOB TITLE AND THE CREATION OF LIMITED-SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS.

Resolution No. 2012-20 was adopted authorizing an update to the Conflict of Interest Code.

Resolution No. 2012-20 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING APPENDIX "A" OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR DESIGNATED FILERS OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 171260 to 171523 totaling $1,475,726.02 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 167543, 167549, 170889, and 171258 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. ANNUAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS
The City Council conducted the second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 2012-02 making technical amendments to the Santa Maria Municipal Code.

Ordinance No. 2012-02 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO CITATION AUTHORITY, ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, PERSONNEL, GOOD NEIGHBOR REGULATIONS, AND PROPERTY NUISANCES.

G. DESIGN OF TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AND AWARD OF BID
Resolution No. 2012-21 was adopted approving an agreement with BFCC IBI Group Architectural Planning and Design in the amount of $366,300 for design of tenant improvements at 1111 W. Betteravia Road.

Resolution No. 2012-21 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH BFGC – IBI GROUP ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING FOR DESIGN OF THE SANTA MARIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TENANT IMPROVEMENTS.

Resolution No. 2012-22 was adopted approving an agreement with JTS Construction, Inc., in the amount of $1,733,700 for the Santa Maria Police Facility Structural Retrofit, Bid No. 2012/08.

Resolution No. 2012-21 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH JTS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR BID NO. 2012/08, SANTA MARIA POLICE FACILITY STRUCTURAL RETROFIT.

H. NOTICE OF COMPLETION
The City Council accepted the public improvements and approved the Notice of Contract Completion for 2011 Street Overlay, Bid No. 2011/09, and directed the Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk to record the Notice.

I. JOINT USE AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2012-23 was adopted approving a Joint Use Agreement with Santa Maria Joint Union High School District for swimming pool use, maintenance and operations, and approving the use of City Park Development Funds toward the construction of the Santa Maria High School Swimming Pool.

Resolution No. 2012-23 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SWIMMING POOL USE, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS, AND APPROVING THE USE OF CITY FUNDS TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANTA MARIA HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL.

J. SUCCESSOR AGENCY – APPOINTMENTS TO OVERSIGHT BOARD
Resolution No. SA-2012-01 was adopted authorizing the Mayor to appoint the City Manager and the Director of Administrative Services to the Oversight Board to represent the City's interests, as Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency, on the Oversight Board meetings.

Resolution No. SA-2012-01 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION OVERSIGHT BOARD.

K. SUCCESSOR AGENCY – RATIFY ROPS
Resolution No. SA-2012-02 was adopted ratifying its Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period of February 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012.

Resolution No. SA-2012-02 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, RATIFYING ITS RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012.

L. DELTA HABITAT CONSERVATION
Resolution No. 2012-24 was adopted approving an agreement with Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) to provide cost coverage for the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program (DHCCP).

Resolution No. 2012-24 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA RELATING TO CERTAIN COSTS CONCERNING THE DELTA HABITAT CONSERVATION AND CONVEYANCE PROGRAM.

M. CELL TOWER – SIMAS PARK
Resolution No. 2012-25 was adopted approving the Right of First Refusal Agreement with TowerCo for the cell tower site at Simas Park, and authorizing the recordation of the same.

Resolution No. 2012-25 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL; CELL TOWER SITE AT SIMAS PARK.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

4. PREVIEW OF THE 2012-13 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND DIRECTION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PRIORITIZATION OF BUDGET-BALANCING OPTIONS.
City Manager Haydon gave the staff report. Staff did some forecasting of anticipated year-end revenues and indications show that 2011-12 General Fund revenues will be $360,000 less than budgeted. Going into this fiscal year, revenues were already reduced by approximately $263,000 and $2.7 million in Local Economic Augmentation Fund (LEAF) financing will be used to help balance this year's budget. Year-end expenses appear to be at a reduced amount which is a result of departments keeping operational expenses to a minimum. The next two-year period will require relying heavily on the use of one-time reserves to finance on-going operational expenses. It is recommended that the City Council hear a presentation on the projected financial condition of the City's General Fund going

into the next budget cycle and provide direction to staff on some key financial components needed for the development of the proposed 2012-13 General Fund.

Director of Administrative Services Visé gave a presentation on 2011-12 Year-End General Fund projections, discussed major revenue sources and trends, and previewed the 2012-14 projected General Fund Budget. He commented that since gas prices were so high, consumer annalists believe it could damper consumer sentiment and spending in the summer months. Total revenues budgeted for Fiscal Year 2011-12 is $53.9 million. The City should receive approximately $53.6 million. He discussed expenditure appropriations for the various departments. In total, $55.7 million was forecast, and projected is expected to be $53.9 million. The projected deficit for the fiscal year is $320,000. The General Fund will assume an additional $1.3 million debt service obligation payment for the recently eliminated Redevelopment Agency. The inclusion of this $1.3 million debt service expenditure is dependent upon the results of the Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller determining whether or not the debt service obligation will be an enforceable obligation of the former Redevelopment Agency. The determination will not be made available until late spring/early summer. Should the $1.3 million debt service obligation not found to be an enforceable obligation, the City could mitigate the budget deficit by a combination of some level of concessions from employee groups and/or utilizing one-time General Fund reserves. The City is expecting an increase of Sales Tax revenue of 5 percent in year one of the budget, and 3.5 percent in the second year of the budget cycle. The City has lost $1.2 million is Property Tax revenue since 2007-08, and is expected to remain flat for 2011-12. Construction Permits are expected to remain flat as well for 2011-12 as the ongoing recession has caused limited construction activity. Interest Income is a declining revenue due to the lower interest rate environment and low cash balances. Over $2.6 million was lost in interest earnings since 2006-07. For the 2012-14 Budget, revenue projections are forecasted for 2012-13 at $54.3 million and in 2013-14 at $55.5 million, and expenditure projections are forecasted for 2012-13 at $54.5 million and in 2013-14 at $56.3 million. A budget deficit of $1.4 million in 2012-13 and $2.0 million in 2013-14 is forecasted. The forecast for 2012-13 assumes that the furlough program and other employee concessions end on December 31, 2012. CalPERS will be reviewing its long term economic assumptions that deal with their actuarial evaluations. The CalPERS Board will be meeting to consider lowering the assumed rate of return which is 7.75 percent, and negatively adjusting the long term inflation and salary growth rates. If that happens, it is estimated in 2013-14 that the average rate for Miscellaneous plans will go up 4-to-5 percent, and Safety plans for police and fire are expected to go up 7-to-8 percent adding approximately $1 million more to the forecasted deficit for 2013-14. The numbers will be adjusted during the mid-cycle budget review in one year. The forecasted deficit includes one-time LEAF financing to fund on-going operational costs, and the continuation of the annual deferral of the workers' compensation insurance ($1 million), fleet services ($958,000), and business equipment ($342,000) cost allocations to General Fund departments. The City's budget team will be discussing proposed operational reductions with each General Fund department over the next few weeks to identify General Fund expenditure reductions and bring them forward for Council's consideration during the upcoming budget deliberations in June. By that time, more pertinent financial data will be made available, as will the results of Measure U2012.

Councilmember Orach asked for clarification about the $1.3 million debt service payment that is to be determined by Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller whether or not it is an enforceable obligation of the former RDA.

Director of Administrative Services Vise commented that the legislation read there must be a pledge of tax increment for payment of the debt service. The 2003 statement for the bond issue did not pledge tax increment. It was a lease revenue bond where the pledge is the actual General Fund making lease payments to RDA. The City will argue that it is an enforceable obligation since it has been on the City's Statement of Indebtedness each year that is provided to the County.

Mayor Lavagnino asked about the $14 million loan to the RDA from the General Fund.

Director of Administrative Services Vise stated that there was legislation pending that would allow certain debt issued within two years of the creation of a project area or a specific project to be enforceable.

Councilmember Cordero asked if the legislation passes and allows the debt to be enforceable, how would the $14 million loan be addressed?

Director of Administrative Services Vise stated that if it is found to be an enforceable obligation, the County would continue to receive the tax increment into a property tax crossover account. Twice per year, the County submits payment to the City to pay the enforceable obligations. If the debt is considered enforceable, the City would continue to receive payments to pay the debt.

Councilmember Boysen asked if the Successor Agency debt service was $1.3 million, and if the City receives a $300,000 benefit once the tax increment is disbursed to all the agencies.

Director of Administrative Services Visé responded that the first payment was made in November. The tax increment was received because the lawsuit was still pending. The first debt service payment in November is interest only in the amount of approximately $230,000. The $1.3 million does not include the first payment made in November. Should the $1.3 million be disbursed to all the taxing entities, including the City, the City would receive approximately 11 percent. Director of Administrative Services Visé asked for direction on the use of $2.5 million in LEAF funds each year, the continuation of the cost allocations for workers' compensation, fleet services and business equipment. He recommended that the fleet services and business equipment not be deferred in 2013-14.

City Manager Haydon commented that Staff is recommending using the $2.5 million in LEAF funds in each of the next two fiscal years.

Mayor Lavagnino ask what happens in 2014-15 when the LEAF is gone?

City Manager Haydon responded that that the recommendations were predicated on whether or not the City would get the tax increment to pay the enforceable obligation bonds. Each year, Staff has systemically reduced operational costs in all, the City has reduced operating costs by $6 million over the past three years. Departments will be asked again to reduce by one and two percent. If Measure U2012 is approved, it may come into play with the numbers as well.

Councilmember Boysen believes there will be some relief with the tax increment. He is supportive of utilizing the LEAF funds over the next two years. He commented that Staff had presented a cautiously pessimistic budget, but he was optimistic that the City would receive some relief with the RDA for 2014-15.

Councilmember Orach commented that the economic downturns were forecasted into 2014-15. He did not see many positives going forward. The projections for jobs in the community were in retail and they were lower paying jobs. He is supportive of Staff's recommendations, and is thankful for the forethought many years ago when the reserves were set aside.
Councilmember Cordero asked when the City began depositing into the LEAF fund? He agrees with plan presented by Staff.

City Manager Haydon responded that it was created in 2001-02. The City began drawing down on the funds in 2008-09. The fund balance had been as high as $11.7 million.

Councilmember Patino commented that she concurs with Councilmember Orach that businesses were not willing to go out and take the risks. The business owners did not feel confident with what was going on in Washington, and so the economy suffers. She is supportive of Staff's recommendations.

The consensus of Council supports the recommendations of Staff to use $2.5 million in LEAF for the next two years, and continue cost allocation deferrals of Workers' Compensation, fleet services and business equipment for the first year, and in the second year only defer the Workers' Compensation cost allocation.

Mr. Haydon concluded by stating that those were the two biggest components to fill the budget gap to put the budget together and that staff will be assessing the one and two percent reductions to operating departments to see what impact it will have on service delivery and that staff will be putting together a status quo budget for Council's consideration in June.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager Haydon discussed items coming before the City Council at its next meeting on March 20, 2012, to include proclamations, the General Plan Annual Report, the Annual Weed Abatement Program, and the Area 9 Fee Study, Specific Plan and EIR.

He also reported that the Closed Session scheduled for a Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code for Employee Organization Santa Maria Police Officers Association (SMPOA) was not necessary.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
Councilmember Cordero reported that he attended Career Day at El Camino Junior High School, a meeting of the Manufacturer's Association at Fairpark Pavilion, participated in the Read Across America program at Taylor School, and spoke at the Government Center with Supervisor Lavagnino and Senator Blakeslee.

Councilmember Orach reported that he worked, golfed, and will provide a recap of tonight's meeting on KUHL in the morning.

Mayor Lavagnino reported that he attended the CCWA in Buellton, the funeral of Ernest Righetti, II, a reception for Marian Medical Center donors, the LAFCO City Select Committee, and was admitted to the hospital on Friday.

Councilmember Patino reported that she attended the memorial for Ernest Righetti, II, the SMAT Service refinement presentation at Shepard Hall, the memorial service for Julia Sand of League of Women Voters, Manufacturer's Association at Fairpark Pavilion on patents, a meeting regarding the Santa Maria In-Stream Flow Study, and then went out of town.

Councilmember Boysen reported that he had several constituent meetings. He encouraged attendance at the grand opening of Marian Hospital tomorrow, the grand opening tomorrow of the Bridge House emergency shelter in Lompoc, the Elks' Kick-Off dinner on Saturday, and the Good Samaritan softball game with Santa Maria and Lompoc.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 8:38 p.m. for a Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Existing Litigation pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9, Jeffrey Norman v. City of Santa Maria, et al., North Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 1377627.

After the Closed Session, the following report was given:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Direction to staff was given.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned in honor of Rosemary Centeno at 7:50 p.m. by Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED

March 20, 2012
Date

Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST

Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk